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Greenbelt Xmas Tree Has Thousand Bulbs

Paul Campbell, GVHC manager, reports the wonderful cooperation received from Pepco officials, and city, county, and Federal officials in helping GVHC to erect the Christmas tree at the Southway intersection in front of the Armory. The city lent equipment to GVHC and is paying the electric bill, while Pepco brought power lines to the island. The tree has 24 circuits and 1000 bulbs.

Chasanow Urges GVHC To Drop House Sales

Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation has taken under advisement a letter from Abraham Chasanow, pointing out the economies that could be effected in GVHC's operations by not engaging in the real estate business.

Chasanow wrote that his analysis of sales figures for the first nine months of 1955 indicated that GVHC is losing more than \$9,000 per year by engaging in the sale of houses. The amount actually earned in sales commissions by GVHC, he charged, covers only about half the selling costs, if those expenses buried in administrative or other expense items were properly attributed to selling cost.

Chasanow stressed that over two-thirds of the sales income received by the corporation is attributable to membership and transfer fees which would accrue to GVHC even if it did not engage in the real estate business. He suggested that the Comptroller check his figures for their accuracy.

The Chasanow letter intimated that the Board may want to consider curtailing its real estate activities, especially in light of the fact that the charter or the membership has not authorized GVHC to engage in the business and it has done so without a real estate broker's license.

Chasanow Dropped

The proposal of Chasanow came at a time when the GVHC board had just announced an increase in monthly charges for next year and is cognizant of the need to keep costs to a minimum. Last month, Chasanow's contract as GVHC general counsel was not renewed for 1956 as part of the drive of the board to curtail legal expenses.

GVHC president Ed Burgoon said that the letter will be studied by management and discussed at a future Board meeting after receiving management's analysis and recommendations.

Carolers Tour City On "Reindeer Bus"

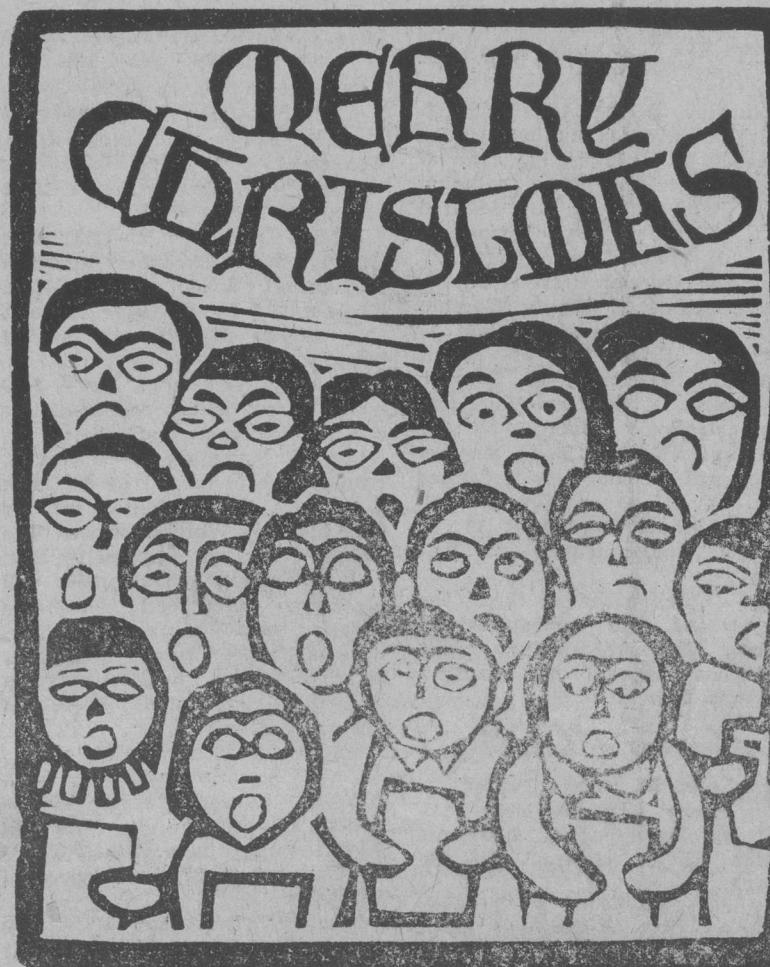
The Junior High Fellowship of Community Church, with a membership of 64, will go Christmas Caroling by bus around town this Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 accompanied by their Counselors Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moore.

Operating the "reindeer powered" bus will be Donald Wolfe, city recreation director. The group will make stops at various points in the community and will be assisted in their singing by three master musicians—Ronald Atherhold and Tommy Bartholomew, Trumpets, and Eddy Moody, Accordion.

Following the singing, the party will regroup at Fellowship Center for thawing out, refreshments, and games directed by Robert Halpin.

YOUTH CENTER DANCE

The Youth Center will hold a Christmas Dance Friday, December 23, in the Center school; music by Marty Lanner's orchestra. Time: 8 to 11:30 p.m.



The Blessing of Christmas

Children look forward to Christmas anticipating the gifts they will receive. Students enjoy Christmas because they have a vacation from school. Merchants know that Christmas brings more profits.

But apart from the exchange of gifts, vacation from school, and greater financial gain, there are deeper and more abiding values of this season of the year.

The first Christmas message came to fearful shepherds as they were keeping watch over their flock by night, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The heavenly choir responded to the angelic announcement with,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

From these proclamations comes the true meaning of Christmas. The baby born in Bethlehem's manger was born to be the Savior of mankind.

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins."

Flowing out of this great truth are the abundant blessings of Christmas, namely: freedom from fear, good tidings of great joy, and peace on earth.

FREEDOM FROM FEAR We are fortunate in living in America where we have freedom of worship, freedom of the press, and freedom from want. We are not however, guaranteed the fourth basic freedom—freedom from fear. This freedom comes from above.

"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

GOOD TIDINGS The message the angel brought on the first Christmas night was good news to people living in bondage. Even in our day when tensions are mounting in the world scene and where unrest is experienced by so many people, it is reassuring to know that the good news proclaimed in Bethlehem over 1900 years ago is the solution for the needs of all people today.

PEACE ON EARTH Within the heart of every individual there is a deep desire for inward peace. This is also true in international affairs. The way to gain peace takes top priority on the agenda of the nations of the free world and in the hearts of enslaved peoples.

Peace for the individual as well as for the nations is made possible through the Prince of Peace, whose birthday we commemorate.

So to you and to your family may you have a Blessed Christmas filled with the true meaning and the deep abiding values of this season.

Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson

City Council Approves New Budget; Tax Rate \$1.68; Will Spend \$332,786

The city council presented Greenbelt with a Christmas gift of the lowest tax rate in its history — \$1.68 per \$100 assessed valuation, at its meeting last Monday night. Culminating an intense series of budget meetings, the council went on record as "doing the best it can" to encourage new development in the community, hardly a city department escaped the economy ax in the council efforts.

Next year's estimated budget was approved as \$332,786—a reduction of \$18,047 from city manager Charles McDonald's recommendation. Compared to this year's estimated expenditures, it is about \$3000 less. Included in the 1956 budget is a \$10,000 surplus.

Economy Keyword

Examination of the budget cuts indicate an "economy budget" with amounts like \$50 and \$100 reduced from gasoline expenditures, delay of improvements in the community building (new stoves, painting, lock repairs, etc.) and elimination of capital outlay items in the swimming pool, parks and other departments. Community promotion expenditures were reduced, with enough left for programs on Independence Day, Labor Day and Halloween. "Advertising" was cut \$250. Materials and supplies in various departments were cut and various amounts intended for overtime help in "finance" and "roadways" were eliminated.

No Improvement

In general, the new budget leaves little room for improving services and the council indicated its intention to put any anticipated emergencies on a priority list to be financed by accumulated surplus during the year. Although no services were eliminated, the council disclosed, more volunteer help from citizens may be necessary to maintain the previous level of quality.

Special Xmas Show

For the admission "price" of canned goods, toys or clothing, kids and adults, too will be able to enjoy a special two hour show at the local Greenbelt theatre on Friday, December 23. The Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 is sponsoring the annual event and is in charge of distributing the gifts collected to local needy families. There will be two performances at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Merry Christmas

TO YOU —
from the staff of the
**GREENBELT
NEWS
REVIEW**

NO VACANCIES

For the first time in GVHC history, there are no vacant housing units in Greenbelt. Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, supervisor of sales and services, announced this week that every house will be either sold or rented by December 31, 1955.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, December 22 - Cub Scout 202 XMAS party at Community Church Fellowship Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 23 - 10th Annual XMAS show at the theatre, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Youth Center XMAS dance, Center School, 8-11:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 29 - Annual St. Hugh's Sno-Ball at St. Hugh's auditorium, 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Friday, December 31 - Lions Club New Years Eve dance at the Armory.

JCC party, JCC building.



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To Do Our Part

Another year has rolled around, with frightening speed it seems, and here we are again. We recall so vividly the situation confronting us last year, when the News Review seemed close to folding. But, as with so many crises in our stormy history, we survived—a little subdued, perhaps, but still kicking. And that's why we're doubly pleased this year to extend to all our readers our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It has been a rare and wonderful privilege for the staff of the News Review to serve the needs of our community this past year. And we are looking forward to another year of participation in our civic life. It is our wish and our prayer that next year will see many of the plans for the betterment of the city come to fruition. It is our wish, too, that the spirit and harmony so characteristic of this holiday season will take root and blossom all year—that our readers, friends and neighbors will all pitch in and continue to make Greenbelt a wonderful place to live in. It may be a little early to make resolutions, perhaps, but nevertheless, we resolve to do our part toward that end.

"YEAR OF DEVELOPMENT"

Great credit is due the city council and Mayor Tom Canning for their successful effort at reducing the tax rate. More credit is theirs for the painstaking, time-consuming study of the budget, an effort which surpassed any other city council in our memory. For the first time, we believe, the council knows where every penny is destined and for what use. Although the tax rate was reduced a few cents under this year's budget, it is in reality - an economy budget."

Of course, the motivating force behind the council's zeal was the prospect of new homes which a reduced tax rate is supposed to encourage. But as one councilman put it - "If they are going to build, they better do it this year; we can't cut this budget any more than we have."

Services have not been eliminated, but they have been reduced. The council hopes for greater volunteer citizen participation in community life, particularly in recreation activities and youth groups. City manager Charles McDonald must watch each expenditure even more closely, because of cuts in materials and supplies. Although the prospect is hardly one of "austerity" we expect a year of business-like atmosphere that will not encourage quick appropriations from surplus unless an extreme emergency requires it.

So this is to be the "year of development" in Greenbelt. The council has set the lead, shown the way, removed the largest obstacle. By next Christmas we will know if council's "gift" to the community was truly worth the effort. But then, it isn't the gift—its the sentiment behind it that counts.

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Thursday, December 22 - 7:30 a.m.,
Cub Scouts Christmas Party, Social Hall.

Friday, December 23 - 10 a.m., Senior high Pilgrim Fellowship leave the Church to visit and present gift to the Children's Home at Laurel. 7:30-9 p.m., Junior high Pilgrim Fellowship leave Fellowship Center to go Christmas caroling by bus, accompanied by Counselors Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moore, with Ronald Atherolt and Tommy Bartholomew, trumpets, and Eddie Moody, accordion, Donald Wolfe, driver, followed by party in Fellowship Center.

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Holy Communion 11 p.m., preceded (at 10:30) by half hour of special Christmas music including "Gesu Bambino" with Mrs. Mildred Kern, Piano; George Townsend, Flute; Elizabeth Goetze, Organ.

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day Church Family Worship at 11 a.m. New members will be received. Sacrament of Infant Baptism. Sermon by Mr. Braund, "Christmas - Proclamation and Demonstration." Chancel, St. Cecilia, and Pilgrim Choirs singing. There will be no services other than at 11 a.m. Church, with Church School Classes at 11 for nursery, kindergarten, and primary.

The Church wishes to thank the 125 persons who participated in making the Wednesday night Christmas pageant so beautiful and inspiring.

Lutheran Church

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Phone: GRanite 4-9200

Friday, December 23: 4:30 p.m., Junior Choir rehearsal at the church.

Saturday, December 24: 11 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Christmas meditation by Pastor Birner: "The Most Exciting Gift." The Senior Choir will sing.

Sunday, December 25: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School Service of worship. A special Christmas service for the members of the Sunday School and their parents. The Jr. Choir will sing. 11 a.m., Christmas Day Service of worship. Sermon by Pastor Birner: "Unto Us A Son Is Given." No 8:30 a.m. Service Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 28: 8:30 p.m., Lydia Guild Christmas Party at the Church.

Hebrew Services

Friday night, December 23 - Time 8 p.m. Candlelighting time: 4:13 p.m.

The officers and members of the JCC wish to extend Holiday Greetings to their friends and neighbors of all faiths in Greenbelt.

Methodist Church

Meeting at 40 Ridge Road
Stanley F. Knock, Jr., Minister
42-L Ridge Road - Phone 9410

Sunday, December 25 - 9:30 a.m., Church school. 11 a.m., Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Knock. His sermon is titled "The Light That Lights the World."

Saturday, December 31 - 10:30 to 11:30, Watchnight social hour for young people and adults. A Methodist Covenant Service and Holy Communion from 11:30 to 12:15 is being held.

Baptist Chapel

Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor
4-E Hillside - GR 4-9424

Thursday, December 22 - 7:30 p.m., Midweek Service at the Parsonage. Prayer and Bible study, Ephesians 6 - "The Christians Warfare." 8:30 p.m., Chapel Choir rehearsal.

Friday, December 23 - 7:30 p.m., Sunday School Christmas Party in the Center School Dining Hall. Members of Intermediate through the Adult departments should bring a 25¢ gift.

Saturday, December 24 - 3:30 p.m., Chapel Choir rehearsal for the Sunday evening of music.

Sunday, December 25 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages. John S. Stewart, Jr., Superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning Worship service. The Chapel Choir will sing led by Mrs. John J. Oleksak. The pastor will preach on the subject "Christmas Dispels Fears." 6 p.m., The Cherub and Chapel Choirs will present their Christmas musical program in candlelight entitled "Musical Christmas Cards."

Wednesday, December 28 - 8 p.m., Farewell Service for Dr. and Mrs. J. Walter Carpenter at the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Cars will leave the Parsonage at 7:15. There will be no Midweek Service on Thursday.

Saturday, December 31 - 9:30 p.m. - 12:15 a.m., Watch Night Service at the Parsonage. Fellowship period with the showing of colored films of the past year's activities, refreshments, and meditations and prayer as we enter the New Year.

Catholic Church

Rev. V. J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
58-A Crescent Road

Christmas Schedule:

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Fast and complete abstinance all day. Confessions: 3 to 5:30 and 7 to 9:30 by visiting Franciscan priest.

Midnight High Mass: Sung by Pastor and senior Choir. Church doors will open at 11:15. Carols to be sung before the Mass by the Choir. Positively NO CHILDREN will be allowed at the Midnight Mass. Communion Fast begins 1 hour before Midnight.

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day - Feast of Our Saviour's Birth - Masses will be held at the same hours as other Sundays at 7:30, 8:30 (carols by the Altar Boys Choir); 9:30 and 11:30 with carols by the senior choir.

A Happy and Holy Christmas to all.

Toastmasters Meet

The Toastmasters Club will hold its next regular meeting December 27 rather than January 27 as reported in this paper last week.

There are a few memberships still available; however, club membership is limited to 30 persons. Those interested should contact the president, Robert Hurst, for additional information.

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By Elaine Skolnik - 7586

BEST WISHES

FOR THE

Holiday Season

FROM

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It's a girl for the James Webbs, 8-N Laurel Hill. Debra Lynn, born November 26, weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and has a brother, Ralph, 16 months.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baclawski, 9-J Ridge, on the birth of a daughter, Kristine Ann, on November 28. Kristine, weighing in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. joins sister Diane, and brother Fritz.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Smith, 33-T Ridge, are proud parents of a baby girl born November 29. They named her Judith Stewart and this little miss weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. The Smiths also have a son Anthony, 20 months.

The newest addition to the Hoesch family, 23-L Ridge, is Thomas Dennis who arrived November 29 weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. Thomas joins a sister and three brothers.

It's a 9 lb. 13 oz. baby girl for the Robert Sauls, 7-S Research. Linda Darlene was born November 20, and has a 4½ year old brother.

Welcome Kathleen Marie Lundregan, born November 16. Kathleen's parents are the Kenneth Lundregans, 10-X Southway. This little girl weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz., and has two brothers to watch over her.

Stephanie Burgess has a baby brother. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burgess, 48-A Crescent, named him Hilleary Don. Hilleary was born November 22 and weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz.

Happy birthday to Eva Garin who celebrated her 7th birthday.

A merry time was had by all parents attending the Cooperative Nursery School Party at the Center school. Did you ever play Wink? Well, they did.

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The Rosenzweig family will have son Martin home for the holidays. Martin attends Johns Hopkins University.

Last month's duplicate bridge winners were Madeline and Henry Paolini, North-South, and Blacker-Marsh, East-West. Next month's game will be January 6, at the Center school.

David Schurr, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, will holiday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schurr, 31-D Ridge.

After acting out a little one-act play entitled "A Christmas Party" on Sunday, December 18, several of the sixth grade girls of St. Hugh's School surprised Patty O'Connell with a birthday party at the home of Kathleen Haker, 17-B Ridge. Those taking part in the play were Joyce Cottington, Mary Michael Duffy, Toni Dutton, Kathleen Haker, Patricia O'Connell and Mary Frances Wiser. Stand-ins were Christine Zust and Suzanne Haker.

CHORAL GROUP

Members of the Choral Group and their families are planning to go caroling Saturday, December 24. Anyone interested in joining the fun is invited to come along. Bring a flashlight and wear warm clothes. The group will leave Al Herling's house, 13-M Ridge, at 4:30 p.m. sharp. The next meeting of the choral group will be Monday, January 9, 8:30 p.m., JCC Building.

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